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**TORRANCE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONERS  
RESOLUTION NO. R 2021- 07**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REINSTATEMENT OF A STATE MEAT  
INSPECTION PROGRAM IN NEW MEXICO**

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico livestock producers have historically been known for producing the highest quality of meat; and

**WHEREAS**, cash receipts for livestock products in New Mexico are valued at more than \$2 billion dollars with meat animals accounting for \$824 million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, only four (4) companies service 80 percent of the meat packing industry needs; and

**WHEREAS**, for decades this concentration has limited the income of cow-calf producers and others in the food chain; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 has pointed out the deficiencies of this packer concentration for meat producers and consumers alike; and

**WHEREAS**, consumers are now demanding to know the source of their food; and

**WHEREAS**, consumers are demonstrating a preference to purchasing locally-grown meat; and

**WHEREAS**, there is public, legislative and administrative support to reinstate New Mexico meat inspection.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the governing body of **TORRANCE COUNTY** supports the reinstatement of state meat inspection for New Mexico.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State of New Mexico recognize the needed changes to the State Meat Inspection Program and that the current system fails to support New Mexico meat producers.


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DONE THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.


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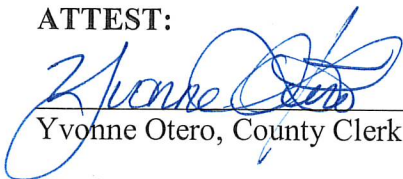
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